

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method of discovering relationships
2 between items, comprising:
3 accepting, in a computer, item selections from a plurality of users;
4 generating, in the computer, a log for each user, each log containing iden-
5 tifiers for the user's item selections;
6 accepting, in the computer, a query including at least one query item iden-
7 tifier;
8 scoring, in the computer, the user logs, responsive to a degree of occur-
9 rence of the at least one query item identifier in the user logs, to
10 generate user log scores; and
11 determining, in the computer, at least one result item, responsive to a de-
12 gree of occurrence in at least a subset of the scored user logs.

1 2. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein a signifi-
2 cance of the occurrence is determined by a log likelihood ratio analysis and the deter-
3 mined result is responsive to the determined significance.

1 3. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein a signifi-
2 cance of the occurrence is determined by a substantial equivalent of a log likelihood ra-
3 tio analysis and the determined result is responsive to the determined significance.

1 4. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein each item
2 is a video track and wherein accepting item selections comprises determining which
3 tracks are selected for playback.

1 5. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein each item
2 is a music track and wherein accepting item selections comprises determining which
3 tracks are selected for playback.

1 6. (Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 5, further compris-
2 ing:

3 generating, in the computer, a track list containing an identifier for each
4 determined result item comprising a music track.

1 7. (Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 6, further compris-
2 ing:

3 deleting, in the computer, from the track list at least one identifier corre-
4 sponding to a music track already selected by the user.

1 8. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 6, further comprising:
2 playing the music tracks specified by the generated track list.

1 9. (Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 5, further compris-
2 ing:

accepting, in the computer, a format schedule specifying music track categories for time periods; and

generating, in the computer, a track list conforming to the format schedule and containing an identifier for each determined result item comprising a music track.

10. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 5, wherein scoring the user logs comprises determining a degree of occurrence in each user log of at least one music track identified by the query item identifier.

11. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 5, wherein scoring the user logs comprises determining a degree of occurrence in each user log of at least one music track associated with an artist identified by the query item identifier.

12. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein accepting item selections comprises receiving input provided by a user via a web page.

13. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein accepting item selections comprises receiving input specifying an item purchase by a user.

14. (Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising, prior to determining the at least one result item, defining, in the computer, the subset of the scored user logs responsive to the user log scores.

1 15. (Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further compris-
2 ing:

3 monitoring, in the computer, user behavior with respect to the selected
4 items; and

5 adjusting, in the computer, the user log responsive to the monitored user
6 behavior.

1 16. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 15, wherein moni-
2 toring user behavior comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of:

3 detecting user input requesting that a selected item be repeated;

4 detecting user input requesting that a selected item be skipped;

5 detecting user input specifying a volume change; and

6 detecting user input specifying that a selected item be muted.

1 17. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein accepting
2 item selections comprises receiving input provided by a user via an application for
3 playing tracks.

1 18. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein accepting
2 a query comprises receiving a user log containing identifiers for a user's item selections.

1 19. (Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein accept-
2 ing a query comprises receiving a first search term, the method further comprising:

3 generating, in the computer, a second search term containing an identifier
4 for each determined result item.

1 20. (Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 19, further com-
2 prising at least one of:

3 providing, in the computer, the second search term as input for a search
4 engine; and

5 adding, in the computer, the second search term to a searchable portion of
6 a document associated with the first search term.

1 21. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further compris-
2 ing:

3 periodically uploading the generated log.

1 22. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further compris-
2 ing:

3 outputting an advertisement relating to the determined at least one result
4 item.

1 23. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 22, wherein output-
2 ting an advertisement comprises displaying at least one selected from the group consist-
3 ing of:

4 a web page;

5 a banner;

6 a portion of a web page; and
7 an animation.

1 24. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further compris-
2 ing:

3 outputting a notification relating to the determined at least one result
4 item.

1 25. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 24, wherein output-
2 ting a notification comprises displaying a web page.

1 26. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 24, wherein output-
2 ting a notification comprises sending a communication to a user.

1 27. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 26, wherein sending
2 a communication to a user comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of:

3 transmitting an electronic mail message to the user;

4 telephoning the user; and

5 sending a direct mail item to the user.

1 28. (Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the de-
2 termined result is responsive to a significance of the occurrence of the item in at least a
3 subset of the scored user logs, and wherein the significance is determined by a log like-
4 lihood ratio analysis submethod comprising:

5 determining, in the computer, a total number of user logs N;

6 determining, in the computer, a number of user logs N_1 in a subset of user
 7 logs;
 8 determining, in the computer, a number of user logs N_2 not in the subset
 9 of user logs;
 10 determining, in the computer, a number of user logs k_{11} in the subset that
 11 include the item;
 12 determining, in the computer, a number of user logs k_{12} not in the subset
 13 that include the item;
 14 determining, in the computer, a number of user logs $k_{21} = N_1 - k_{11}$ in the
 15 subset that do not include the item;
 16 determining, in the computer, a number of user logs $k_{22} = N_2 - k_{12}$ not in
 17 the subset that do not include the item;
 18 and determining, in the computer, a log likelihood ratio for the item.

1 29. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 28, wherein the log
 2 likelihood ratio is defined as:

$$\sum k_{ij} \log \frac{\pi_{ij}}{\mu_j}$$

$$\text{where: } \pi_{ij} = \frac{k_{ij}}{N_j}, \mu_j = \sum_i \frac{k_{ij}}{N}.$$

1 30. (Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 29, further com-
 2 prising:

3 adjusting, in the computer, at least one of the k_{ij} values responsive to at
4 least one selected from the group consisting of:
5 the number of occurrences of the item in a user log;
6 the logarithm of the number of occurrences of the item in a user
7 log;
8 the number of occurrences of the item in all user logs;
9 the logarithm of the total number of users divided by the number
10 of users who have selected the item; and
11 a normalizing factor.

1 31. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 30, wherein the
2 normalizing factor is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum (S_j W_{ij})^2}}$, where S_j is a weight based on the number of occur-
3 rences of the item in all user logs and W_{ij} is a weight based on the number of occur-
4 rences of the item in a particular user log.

1 32. (Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further compris-
2 ing:
3 deleting, in the computer, from the determined at least one result item any
4 result items already selected by a user associated with the query.

1 33. (Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further compris-
2 ing:

3 ranking, in the computer, the at least one result item responsive to the de-
4 gree of significance.

1 34. (Amended) A computer-implemented method of discovering a relationship
2 between a first item and a second item, comprising:

3 determining, in the computer, a total number of item groups N ;

4 determining, in the computer, a number of item groups N_1 in a subset of
5 item groups, the subset of item groups being defined as including
6 those item groups that contain a second item;

7 determining, in the computer, a number of item groups N_2 not in the sub-
8 set of item groups;

9 determining, in the computer, a number of item groups k_{11} in the subset
10 that contain the first item;

11 determining, in the computer, a number of item groups k_{12} not in the sub-
12 set that contain the first item;

13 determining, in the computer, a number of item groups $k_{21} = N_1 - k_{11}$ in
14 the subset that do not contain the first item;

15 determining, in the computer, a number of item groups $k_{22} = N_2 - k_{12}$ not
16 in the subset that do not contain the first item;

17 and determining, in the computer, a log likelihood ratio; and

18 generating, based on the log likelihood ratio, a representation of the rela-
19 tionship between the first item and the second item.

1 35. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 34, wherein the log
2 likelihood ratio is defined as:

3
$$\sum k_{ij} \log \frac{\pi_{ij}}{\mu_j}$$

4 where: $\pi_{ij} = \frac{k_{ij}}{N_j}$, $\mu_j = \sum_i \frac{k_{ij}}{N}$.

1 36. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 35, wherein each
2 item group comprises a document.

1 37. (Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 35, further com-
2 prising:

3 adjusting, in the computer, at least one of the k_{ij} values responsive to at

4 least one selected from the group consisting of:

5 the number of occurrences of the item in a document;

6 the logarithm of the number of occurrences of the item in a docu-
7 ment;

8 the number of occurrences of the item in all documents;

9 the logarithm of the total number of documents divided by the
10 number of documents that include the item; and

11 a normalizing factor.

1 38. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 37, wherein the
2 normalizing factor is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum (S_j W_{ij})^2}}$, where S_j represents the number of occurrences of
3 the item in all documents and W_{ij} represents the number of occurrences of the item in a
4 particular document.

1 39. (Original) A system for discovering relationships among items, comprising:
2 a user interface for accepting item selections from a plurality of users;
3 at least one log database, coupled to the user interface, for storing a log for
4 each user, each log containing identifiers for the user's item selec-
5 tions;
6 a query input device for accepting a query including at least one query
7 item identifier; and
8 a recommendation engine, coupled to the log database and to the query
9 input device, for scoring the user logs, responsive to a degree of oc-
10 currence, to generate user log scores, and for determining at least
11 one result item, responsive to a degree of occurrence in at least a
12 subset of the scored user logs.

1 40. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the significance of the occurrence
2 is determined by a log likelihood ratio analysis and the recommendation engine deter-
3 mines the at least one result item responsive to the determined significance.

1 41. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the significance of the occurrence
2 is determined by a substantial equivalent of a log likelihood ratio analysis and wherein
3 the recommendation engine determines the at least one result item responsive to the de-
4 termined significance.

1 42. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein each item is a video track and
2 wherein the user interface accepts item selections by determining which tracks are se-
3 lected for playback.

1 43. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the user interface accepts item se-
2 lections by determining which tracks are selected for purchase.

1 44. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein each item is a music track and
2 wherein the user interface accepts item selections by determining which tracks are se-
3 lected for playback.

1 45. (Original) The system of claim 44, wherein the user interface comprises an
2 online jukebox.

1 46. (Original) The system of claim 45, wherein the online jukebox monitors user
2 behavior with respect to the selected items and adjusts the user log scores responsive to
3 the monitored user behavior.

1 47. (Original) The system of claim 46, wherein the online jukebox monitors user
2 behavior by detecting at least one selected from the group consisting of:

3 user input requesting that a selected item be repeated; and

4 user input requesting that a selected item be skipped; and

5 user input specifying a volume change; and

6 user input specifying that a selected item be muted.

1 48. (Original) The system of claim 47, further comprising:

2 a track list generator, coupled to the recommendation engine, for generat-

3 ing a track list containing an identifier for each determined result

4 item comprising a music track.

1 49. (Original) The system of claim 44, further comprising:

2 a music player, coupled to the track list generator, for playing the music

3 tracks specified by the generated track list.

1 50. (Original) The system of claim 44, further comprising:

2 a format scheduler, for accepting a format schedule specifying music track

3 categories for time periods; and

4 a track list generator, coupled to the recommendation engine and to the

5 format scheduler, for generating a track list conforming to the for-

6 mat schedule and containing an identifier for each determined re-

7 sult item comprising a music track.

1 51. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the query input device receives a
2 user log containing identifiers for a user's item selections.

1 52. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the query input device receives a
2 first search term, the system further comprising:

3 a search term generator, coupled to the recommendation engine, for gen-
4 erating a second search term containing an identifier for each de-
5 termined result item and for providing the second search term as
6 input for a search engine.

1 53. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein the query input device receives a
2 first search term, the system further comprising:

3 a search term generator, coupled to the recommendation engine, for gen-
4 erating a second search term containing an identifier for each de-
5 termined result item and for providing the second search term to be
6 added to a searchable portion of a document associated with the
7 first search term.

1 54. (Original) The system of claim 39, further comprising:

2 an advertisement output device, coupled to the recommendation engine,
3 for outputting an advertisement relating to the determined at least
4 one result item.

1 55. (Original) The system of claim 54, wherein the advertisement output device
2 displays at least one selected from the group consisting of:

3 a web page;

4 a banner;

5 a portion of a web page; and

6 an animation.

1 56. (Original) The system of claim 39, further comprising:

2 a notification output, coupled to the recommendation engine, for output-
3 ting a notification relating to the determined at least one result
4 item.

1 57. (Original) The system of claim 56, wherein the notification output device
2 displays at least one selected from the group consisting of:

3 a web page;

4 a banner;

5 a portion of a web page; and

6 an animation.

1 58. (Original) The system of claim 56, wherein the notification output device
2 sends a communication to a user.

1 59. (Original) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-readable
2 code for discovering relationships between items, comprising:

3 computer-readable code adapted to accept item selections from a plurality
4 of users;
5 computer-readable code adapted to generate a log for each user, each log
6 containing identifiers for the user's item selections;
7 computer-readable code adapted to accept a query including at least one
8 query item identifier;
9 computer-readable code adapted to score the user logs, responsive to a
10 degree of occurrence of the at least one query item identifier in the
11 user logs, to generate user log scores; and
12 computer-readable code adapted to determine at least one result item, re-
13 sponsive to a degree of occurrence in at least a subset of the scored
14 user logs.

1 60. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, wherein a signifi-
2 cance of the occurrence is determined by a log likelihood ratio analysis and the deter-
3 mined result is responsive to the determined significance.

1 61. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, wherein a signifi-
2 cance of the occurrence is determined by a substantial equivalent of a log likelihood ra-
3 tio analysis and the determined result is responsive to the determined significance.

1 62. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, wherein each item is
2 a video track and wherein the computer-readable code adapted to accept item selections

3 comprises computer-readable code adapted to determine which tracks are selected for
4 playback.

1 63. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, wherein each item is
2 a music track and wherein the computer-readable code adapted to accept item selec-
3 tions comprises computer-readable code adapted to determine which tracks are selected
4 for playback.

1 64. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 63, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to generate a track list containing an
3 identifier for each determined result item comprising a music track.

1 65. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 64, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to delete from the track list at least one
3 identifier corresponding to a music track already selected by the
4 user.

1 66. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 64, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to play the music tracks specified by the
3 generated track list.

1 67. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 63, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to accept a format schedule specifying
3 music track categories for time periods; and

4 computer-readable code adapted to generate a track list conforming to the
5 format schedule and containing an identifier for each determined
6 result item comprising a music track.

1 68. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 63, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to score the user logs comprises computer-readable code
3 adapted to determine a degree of occurrence in each user log of at least one music track
4 identified by the query item identifier.

1 69. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 63, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to score the user logs comprises computer-readable code
3 adapted to determine a degree of occurrence in each user log of at least one music track
4 associated with an artist identified by the query item identifier.

1 70. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to accept item selections comprises computer-readable
3 code adapted to receive input provided by a user via a web page.

1 71. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to accept item selections comprises computer-readable
3 code adapted to receive input specifying an item purchase by a user.

1 72. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, further comprising,
2 computer-readable code adapted to, prior to determine the at least one result item, de-
3 fine the subset of the scored user logs responsive to the user log scores.

1 73. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to monitor user behavior with respect to
3 the selected items; and
4 computer-readable code adapted to adjust the user log scores responsive
5 to the monitored user behavior.

1 74. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 73, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to monitor user behavior comprises at least one selected
3 from the group consisting of:
4 computer-readable code adapted to detect user input requesting that a se-
5 lected item be repeated;
6 computer-readable code adapted to detect user input requesting that a se-
7 lected item be skipped;
8 computer-readable code adapted to detect user input specifying a volume
9 change; and
10 computer-readable code adapted to detect user input specifying that a se-
11 lected item be muted.

1 75. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to accept item selections comprises computer-readable
3 code adapted to receive input provided by a user via an application for playing tracks.

1 76. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to accept a query comprises computer-readable code
3 adapted to receive a user log containing identifiers for a user's item selections.

1 77. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to accept a query comprises computer-readable code
3 adapted to receive a first search term, the computer-readable medium further compris-
4 ing:

5 computer-readable code adapted to generate a second search term con-
6 taining an identifier for each determined result item.

1 78. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 77, further comprising at
2 least one of:

3 computer-readable code adapted to provide the second search term as in-
4 put for a search engine; and

5 computer-readable code adapted to add the second search term to a
6 searchable portion of a document associated with the first search
7 term.

1 79. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to periodically upload the generated log.

1 80. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, further comprising:

2 computer-readable code adapted to output an advertisement relating to
3 the determined at least one result item.

1 81. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 80, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to output an advertisement comprises computer-readable
3 code adapted to display at least one selected from the group consisting of:

4 a web page;

5 a banner;

6 a portion of a web page; and

7 an animation.

1 82. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to output a notification relating to the
3 determined at least one result item.

1 83. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 82, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to output a notification comprises computer-readable code
3 adapted to display a web page.

1 84. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 82, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to output a notification comprises computer-readable code
3 adapted to send a communication to a user.

1 85. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 84, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to send a communication to a user comprises at least one
3 selected from the group consisting of:

4 computer-readable code adapted to transmit an electronic mail message to
5 the user;

6 computer-readable code adapted to telephone the user; and

7 computer-readable code adapted to send a direct mail item to the user.

1 86. (Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, wherein the deter-
2 mined result is responsive to a significance of the occurrence of the item in at least a
3 subset of the scored user logs, and wherein the computer-readable code adapted to de-
4 termine a ~~binomial log likelihood ratio for an item~~ determined at least one result item
5 comprises computer-readable code adapted to determine the result by a log likelihood
6 ratio analysis submethod.

1 87. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the com-
2 puter-readable code adapted to determine the result by a log likelihood ratio analysis
3 submethod comprises:

4 computer-readable code adapted to determine a total number of users N ;

5 computer-readable code adapted to determine a number of users N_1 in a
6 subset of users;

7 computer-readable code adapted to determine a number of users N_2 not in
8 the subset of users;

9 computer-readable code adapted to determine a number of users k_{11} in the
 10 subset that selected the item;
 11 computer-readable code adapted to determine a number of users k_{12} not
 12 in the subset that selected the item;
 13 computer-readable code adapted to determine a number of users $k_{21} = N_1$
 14 - k_{11} in the subset that did not select the item;
 15 computer-readable code adapted to determine a number of users $k_{22} = N_2$
 16 - k_{12} not in the subset that did not select the item; and
 17 computer-readable code adapted to determine a log likelihood ratio for
 18 the item.

1 88. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 87, wherein the log like-
 2 lihood ratio is defined as:

$$3 \quad \sum k_{ij} \log \frac{\pi_{ij}}{\mu_j}$$

$$4 \quad \text{where: } \pi_{ij} = \frac{k_{ij}}{N_j}, \mu_j = \sum_i \frac{k_{ij}}{N}.$$

1 89. (Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 59 86, wherein the
 2 computer-readable code adapted to determine the result by a log likelihood ratio analy-
 3 sis submethod further comprises:

4 computer-readable code adapted to adjust at least one of the n_{ij} values re-
 5 sponsive to at least one selected from the group consisting of:
 6 the number of occurrences of the item in a user log;

7 the logarithm of the number of occurrences of the item in a user log;
8 the number of occurrences of the item in all user logs;
9 the logarithm of the total number of users divided by the number of users
10 who have selected the item; and
11 a normalizing factor.

1 90. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 89, wherein the normal-
2 izing factor is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum (S_j W_{ij})^2}}$, where S_j is a weight based on the number of occurrences
3 of the item in all user logs and W_{ij} is a weight based on the number of occurrences of
4 the item in a particular user log.

1 91. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to delete from the determined at least
3 one result item any result items already selected by a user associ-
4 ated with the query.

1 92. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 59, further comprising:
2 computer-readable code adapted to rank the at least one result item re-
3 sponsive to the degree of significance.

1 93. (Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-readable
2 code for discovering a relationship between a first item and a second item, comprising:

3 computer-readable code adapted to determine, in a computer, a total
4 number of item groups N ;
5 computer-readable code adapted to determine, in the computer, a number
6 of item groups N_1 in a subset of item groups, the subset of item
7 groups being defined as including those item groups that contain a
8 second item;
9 computer-readable code adapted to determine, in the computer, a number
10 of item groups N_2 not in the subset of item groups;
11 computer-readable code adapted to determine, in the computer, a number
12 of item groups k_{11} in the subset that contain the first item;
13 computer-readable code adapted to determine, in the computer, a number
14 of item groups k_{12} not in the subset that contain the first item;
15 computer-readable code adapted to determine, in the computer, a number
16 of item groups $k_{21} = N_1 - k_{11}$ in the subset that do not contain the
17 first item;
18 computer-readable code adapted to determine, in the computer, a number
19 of item groups $k_{22} = N_2 - k_{12}$ not in the subset that do not contain
20 the first item; and
21 computer-readable code adapted to determine, in the computer, a log like-
22 lihood ratio; and
23 computer-readable code adapted to generate, based on the log likelihood
24 ratio, a representation of the relationship between the first item and
25 the second item.

1 94. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 93, wherein the log like-
2 lihood ratio is defined as:

3
$$\sum k_{ij} \log \frac{\pi_{ij}}{\mu_j}$$

4 where: $\pi_{ij} = \frac{k_{ij}}{N_j}, \mu_j = \sum_i \frac{k_{ij}}{N}$.

1 95. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 93, wherein each item
2 group comprises a document.

1 96. (Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 93, further comprising:

2 computer-readable code adapted to adjust, in the computer, at least one of

3 the k_{ij} values responsive to at least one selected from the group

4 consisting of:

5 the number of occurrences of the item in a document;

6 the logarithm of the number of occurrences of the item in a docu-
7 ment;

8 the number of occurrences of the item in all documents;

9 the logarithm of the total number of documents divided by the

10 number of documents that include the item; and

11 a normalizing factor.

1 97. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 96, wherein the normal-
2 izing factor is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum (S_j W_{ij})^2}}$, where S_j represents the number of occurrences of the item
3 in all documents and W_{ij} represents the number of occurrences of the item in a particu-
4 lar document.